

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 27, 2006**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on March 13, 2006 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Webster of 627 Circle Avenue expressed his hope that the Council will vote down the 47.7% lot coverage requested on two agenda items from the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that the ZBA recommended 44% lot coverage and that code is 40%. He did not see a reason to go more than the recommended percentage for lot coverage.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. John Judge of the Knights of Columbus requested permission to hold a fundraising campaign in Forest Park on September 15 and 16, 2006. There were no objections from the council. Mayor Calderone instructed the Clerk to notify the Knights of Columbus that their request is approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted their January and February reports and the Community Center submitted its February report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Resolution providing for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of

**R-18-06
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE**

Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$322,066.28.

**AMOUNT OF \$322,066.28
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Doolin

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the Village Code of the Village of Forest Park with respect to water rates and charges be adopted. Commissioner Steinbach moved that the motion be amended to reduce the Senior Citizen water rate to a zero increase. Commissioner Steinbach further stated that the Senior Citizen reduction would only reduce net income by \$5,890.00 over two years. The motion died for lack of a second. The clerk was instructed to call the roll on the initial motion.

**O-18-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
WATER RATES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Calderone requested that the Council table the appointments to the Recreation Board. It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to table the appointment of Mr. William Walsh, Ms. Gretchen Schwartz and Mr. Edward Powell to the Recreation Board.

**RECREATION BOARD
APPOINTMENTS
TABLED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint two (2) candidates from its

**FIRE & POLICE
COMMISSION DIRECTED
TO APPOINT TWO**

current Police Officer Eligibility List, such employment to be effective April 2, 2006, to fill two vacancies.

**CANDIDATES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2006-08 granting and permitting two variations to allow for the construction of a new home on an existing 25 foot wide lot that was not vacant as of June 27, 2005, and to permit lot coverage of 47.7 percent, for the property located at 1418 Marengo Avenue, in a R-1 Low Density Residential District. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the ZBA recommended a 44% lot coverage variance and that she has concerns about a request for higher lot coverage. She further stated that when the 25 foot lot ordinance was passed, it was decided that a 2.5 foot side setback would be acceptable because the lots are thinner. Commissioner Steinbach pointed out that the staff report did not show a greater hardship at 44% coverage versus 47%. Commissioner Steinbach then motioned to amend the motion for 47.7% lot coverage and grant a 44% lot coverage as recommended by the ZBA. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Calderone explained that the ZBA does not approve the variances, they make recommendations to the Village Council for approval. The clerk was instructed to call the roll on the original motion.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
DIRECTED TO PREPARE
ORDINANCE RE: ZBA
2006-08 / 1418 MARENGO
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2006-07 granting a variation to permit lot coverage of 47.7 percent, for the property located at 1027 Hannah Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
DIRECTED TO PREPARE
ORDINANCE RE: ZBA
2006-07 / 1027 HANNAH
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to direct the Village attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map and the text of the Zoning Ordinance to identify and provide for a new zoning classification entitled "Downtown Business District", as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioner Steinbach asked for clarification that the Downtown Business District map does not re-zone any existing residential structures into the new DBD zone. Village Administrator, Michael Sturino stated that in drawing the zone map, we were very careful that no residential uses were included in the Business Zone. There were some properties that were currently zoned residential, but being used as a business use or a parking lot that are incorporated in the Business district.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
DIRECTED TO PREPARE
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ZONING MAP AND TEXT
RE: DOWNTOWN
BUSINESS DISTRICT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the Village approve changes to the medical and hospitalization programs offered to employees by expanding dental coverage, modifying the co-payment required under the HMO plan, modifying the prescription, co-payment, deductible and wellness program under the PPO plan, and by replacing the HMO Blue Advantage Plan with a Health Savings Account, as all of such changes are further detailed on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

**CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE
MEDICAL AND
HOSPITALIZATION
PROGRAMS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Ordinance amending the Village Code to implement sewer use regulations pursuant to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements be adopted.

**O-19-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
VILLAGE SEWER USE
REGULATIONS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Traffic & Safety Commission to review two issues and make recommendations to the Village Council for a solution re: 500 Ferdinand and 7500 Roosevelt Road alley. Commissioner Doolin stated that he received correspondence from a resident requesting a stop sign at Adams and Circle and asked whether this issue had been addressed. Commissioner Hosty stated that the Council had not addressed that particular issue to date. Commissioner Gillian stated that he remembers this request being addressed 8 or 9 years ago. Commissioner Doolin requested that the motion be amended to include the stop sign request for Adams and Circle. Commissioners Steinbach and Hosty agreed to amend the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Michael Sturino reported that bids were opened on March 22 for the RFP for the new telephone system. The prices were substantially lower than anticipated. The staff recommendation is expected to come before the Village Council at the April 10, 2006 meeting. Mr. Sturino further advised that the complaint regarding a truck on the 900 block of Circle has been resolved and the situation will continue to be monitored. Finally, it was reported that in the next meeting or two, the Administrator will make a recommendation to amend the purchasing ordinance to bring the local ordinance in line with newly amended State statutes.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Mayor Calderone stated that he has received numerous phone calls regarding a rumor that low income housing is being developed at 7329 Harrison. He assured all that no one has approached the Village of Forest Park regarding low income or subsidized housing at this location. Mayor Calderone further stated that he recently met with Mr. Lynn Boese of the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment regarding the future of the Army Nave Reserve Center. The center is definitely closing and the purpose of the meeting is to start the process of closing the base down.

There are specific criteria that must be followed. The entire

process can take up to 2 years to complete. Mr. Boese is the Project Manager. Mayor Calderone further stated that part of the process is the requirement for HUD to sign off on their interest in utilizing this property. The Village will have the opportunity after HUD signs off. Mayor Calderone assured everyone that he will keep us posted on the developments as they come.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk